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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
SECRETARY VANCE

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS TOLD US THAT MR. GENSCHER
WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE A PRIVATE DISCUSSION
WITH SECRETARY VANCE AT SOME POINT DURING THE
PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL VISIT. THE LIKELY TIMEFRAMES
DURING WHICH SUCH A TALK COULD BE ARRANGED APPEAR
TO BE:

(A) JULY 14, AFTER LUNCH. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT
THE SECRETARY WOULD CONFER WITH MR. GENSCHER WHILE
THE PRESIDENT IS ACTIVE IN THE CEREMONIAL PART OF THE
BONN PROGRAM, I.E., WREATH-LAYING AND GOLDEN BOOK.
THE TIMEFRAME WOULD THUS OCCUR FROM APPROXIMATELY THE
END OF THE WORKING LUNCH (1340).

(B) MORNING OF JULY 15. THIS ALTERNATIVE FOR
DISCUSSIONS WOULD OCCUR WHILE THE PRESIDENT IS
REVIEWING AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN THE WIESBADEN AREA
AND VISITING FRANKFURT.
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2. WHILE THE FRG IS OPEN ON EITHER OF THESE TIME-
FRAMES, THEIR PREFERENCE IS FOR THE AFTERNOON OF
JULY 14. WHILE MR. GENSCHER HAS NOT SPECIFIED HOW LONG
HE WOULD LIKE THE DISCUSSION TO BE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE FOR NO LESS THAN AN HOUR
TO PERMIT AS FULL AND SUBSTANTIVE A DISCUSSION AS

POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS ON
ABOVE. STOESSEL

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